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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

--SELF-ADHESIVE SHEET--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-10 and substitute therefor the following claims:

--11. Self-adhesive sheet for bonding a floor covering to a floor, comprising a backing layer which is coated on a top surface, facing the floor covering, and on a bottom surface, facing the floor, with a pressure-sensitive adhesive coating, the pressure-sensitive adhesive coating having a different adhesive strength on the two surfaces and the adhesive strength on the bottom surface being lower than that on the top surface, the backing layer comprising a polymer film and the pressure-sensitive

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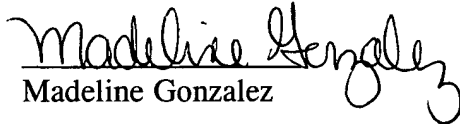
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RESPONSE TO FORM PCT/DO/EO/905

Sir:

In response to the Form PCT/DO/EO/905 dated March 15, 2001, submitted herewith is the executed declaration, English translation of the application and Preliminary Amendment. Please charge the \$65.00 government fee for late filing of the declaration to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

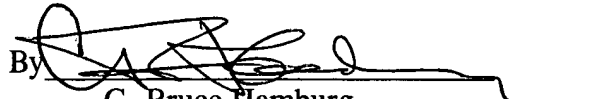
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Also, please charge the \$306.00 fee for 34 additional claims in excess of 20 and \$135.00 fee for multiple dependent claims to Deposit Account No. 10-1250. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

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